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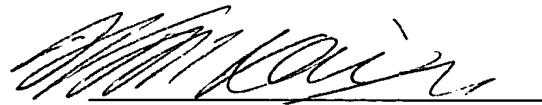
The Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 4 and 7 - 13 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,553,575 to Beck et al. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5 - 6 and 14 - 15 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has now been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5 and claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled. The language of claim 6 has been combined with the language of claim 1 to create new claim 16. New claims 17 - 28 have also been added.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

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Respectfully,



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